GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4444
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2000
PERMISSION TO FOREIGN AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to permit foreign agencies to set up their ventures in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the areas identified for the purpose; and

(c) the name of such foreign agencies who have been granted permission to set up their shops in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) In the telecom sector, as per the present Foreign Direct Investment Policy, 49% foreign equity is permitted in Basic, Cellular Mobile, Paging and Value added service, and Global Mobile Personal Communications by Satellite. In the area of telecom equipment manufacturing, 100% foreign equity is allowed.

(c) List of major foreign agencies/ companies who have been granted permission to set up their companies / joint ventures in the telecom sector in the country is placed at Annexure `A`

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4444 FOR 24TH APRIL, 2 REGARDING PERMISSION TO FOREIGN AGENCIES. Annexure `A`

S.No Foreign Investor

1 Hughes Electronics Corporation
2 Alltel
3 Kellerton, BVI
4 First HNS
5 Nynex International (India) Ltd.
6 STET International
7 Bell Canada International
8 AIG
9 Lintech Ltd.
10 Bell Atlantic Offshore Mauritius Ltd
11 Shinwatra International Public Co.
12 Bezeq Global Mauritius Holding
13 Century Telephone Enterprise
14 AT&T Cellular Pvt. Ltd
15 Airtouch International
16 Distacom Communications
17 Swiss Telecom PTT
18 US West Cellular Investment Co. (Media One)
19 PCM
20 Jasmine International
21 Bell South International
22 France Telecom
23 Cellphone Ltd.
24 Mitsubishi
25 Nokia Telecommunications OY
26 Cellstar Singapore PTE Ltd.
27 Krone AG
28 NEC Corporation
29 Fujikura Ltd.
30 Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.
31 Casio Telecom Ltd.
32 Alcatel
33 Siemens
34 ITOCHU Corporation

35 Simoco International Ltd.
36 NERA AS
37 Lucent Technologies Intl.
38 Philips Telecom Ltd.
39 Andrew Corporation
40 Motorola Singapore PTE. Ltd.